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SUBJECT: A/S MOOSE'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI

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2. SUMMARY: A/S MOOSE'S MAY 19 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI COVERED BOTH INTERNAL MATTERS (DEMOCRATIZATION, THE 480 DAY DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGES, AND THE ECONOMY) AND REGIONAL ISSUES (RWANDA AND SUDAN). END SUMMARY

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3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR CARSON AND AF/E DIRECTOR CHESHES, MET FOR OVER AN HOUR WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI AT THE UGANDAN RESIDENCE ON MAY 19. FOREIGN MINISTER SSEMOGERERE, OTHER MEMBERS OF MUSEVENI'S PARTY AND AMBASSADOR KATENTA-APULI SAT IN. THE

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TONE OF THE MEETING WAS CONGENIAL.

4. A/S MOOSE BEGAN THE SUBSTANTIVE PART OF THE CONVERSATION BY NOTING THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON WAS SERIOUS ABOUT OUR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT DEMOCRACY. CONGRESS HELD SIMILAR VIEWS. MOOSE NOTED THAT IN HIS SPEECH THE PREVIOUS DAY AT THE AAI CONFERENCE HE WANTED TO CONVEY THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENT HISTORIES IN DIFFERENT PLACES, BUT THAT ALLOWING FOR THESE DIFFERENCES WE WANTED TO SEE A COMMITMENT IN THE DIRECTION OF DEMOCRACY. THIS LED MUSEVENI INTO A PHILOSOPHICAL DISCOURSE ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF "INTERNAL FORCES OF MODERNIZATION" AND DEMOCRACY -- SUGGESTING THAT THE WEST NEEDED TO FOCUS MORE ON AFRICA'S PRE-INDUSTRIAL CHARACTER. SECTARIANISM (RELIGIOUS AND TRIBAL), ACCORDING TO MUSEVENI, IS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN UGANDA WHICH WILL TAKE 15 TO 20 YEARS TO OVERCOME. A SIMILAR PROBLEM EXISTS IN KENYA. A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF KENYA ENSUED.

5. IN RESPONSE TO A/S MOOSE'S QUESTION ON HOW HE SAW THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF HIS COUNTRY OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, MUSEVENI SAID THAT GDP WAS GROWING AT 6 PERCENT AND COULD ATTAIN TEN PERCENT IF THE ISSUE OF INDIAN PROPERTY IS RESOLVED -- PARTICULARLY IF THEY COME BACK TO UGANDA. PRIVATIZATION IS THE NEXT ISSUE. THERE ARE SOME IN THE MIDDLE CLASS WHO HAVE AN "UNINFORMED

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PERCEPTION". THEY THINK THAT PRIVATIZING IS SELLING THE NATIONAL ECONOMY. MUSEVENI SAID INFLATION WAS ONLY ONE PERCENT AND IF ANNUALIZED BACK TO APRIL IT IS A MINUS FIGURE. UGANDA, HE SAID, NEEDED TO IMPROVE TAX COLLECTION. ONLY 7 PERCENT OF THE GDP IS COLLECTED IN TAXES. THE FIGURE SHOULD BE BETWEEN 16 AND 30 PERCENT. IF THIS HAPPENED THE BUDGET COULD BE BALANCED AND UGANDA WOULD THEN LIMIT BORROWING ONLY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, THE UGANDAN LEADER MERELY OUTLINED THE PROGRESSION FROM THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY BILL THROUGH NEW PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN LATE 1994.

6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE THEN TURNED TO REGIONAL ISSUES -- RWANDA AND SUDAN. MUSEVENI TERMED THE RWANDA PROBLEM ONE OF MISMANAGEMENT AND RECOUNTED ITS HISTORY BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE BELGIAN COLONY. IF ALL THE BANYARWANDA WERE ALLOWED BACK INTO THE COUNTRY, THE ISSUE

WOULD BE SOLVED.

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A/S MOOSE

SAYING THAT THE FRENCH, BELGIAN AND US HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO HABYARIMANA THAT THEY WANT RECONCILIATION TO TAKE PLACE. MOOSE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR MUSEVENI WRITING TO THE UNSYG REGARDING UGANDA'S WILLINGNESS TO HAVE BORDER FORCE DEPLOYED INSIDE UGANDA. MUSEVENI SAID IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A MILITARY PRESENCE INSIDE RWANDA ALSO AS A TEMPORARY CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURE.

7. MUSEVENI MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE TALKING TO BOUTROS

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GHALI LATER IN THE DAY. MUSEVENI WAS CONCERNED THAT THE UN RESOLUTION NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE RWANDA PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED BY DEALING WITH THE UGANDAN BORDER ISSUE ALONE. MOOSE AGREED.

8. SUDAN IS A MUCH MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE UGANDAN PRESIDENT'S VIEW.

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9. RESPONDING TO MUSEVENI'S INVITATION TO PROVIDE HIM THE U.S. VIEW OF THE SITUATION, A/S MOOSE SAID HE HAD HOPED THE CEASEFIRE WOULD HAVE ALLOWED RELIEF TO MOVE. UNFORTUNATELY THE INTRA-SPLA FIGHTING HAD PREVENTED THIS FROM HAPPENING. MUSEVENI VOLUNTEERED TO TALK TO GARANG AND CLAIMED HE DOES NOT KNOW THE OTHER FACTIONAL LEADERS.

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10. BEFORE CONCLUDING, A/S MOOSE RAISED THE MATTER OF THE 480 DAY DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGES.

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11. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY RETURNED TO THE ISSUE OF THE 480 DAY DETENTION PERIOD. A MEMBER OF MUSEVENI'S DELEGATION INTERJECTED THAT A BILL TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM WAS BEING PREPARED. CHRISTOPHER

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